OBITUARIES

Buford T. Fleshman

Buford T. Fleshman, 51, of 2703 Dorchester Drive, N.W. died in a Roanoke hospital Tuesday morning. Mr. Fleshman was office manager with Puritan Mills, Inc. for 22 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Meadows Fleshman, a son, Steven T. Fleshman and a daughter, Miss Catherine L. Fleshman, all of Roanoke; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Fleshman of Blue Ridge; a sister, Mrs. Robert L. Burford of Monroe and a number of relatives in Appomattox County.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 24,1975 at Oakey's Roanoke Chapel, with the Rev. Stafford M. Querry officiating. Interment was in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

James W. Roach

CHARLOTTE COURT - HOUSE- James Wesley Roach, 75, of District Heights, Md., died Monday at Washington Adventist Hospital. He was a former resident and native of Charlotte County. He was the widower of Beulah Pore Roach.

A member of the Christian Church in District Heights, he was a son of James W. Roach and Susie Elizabeth Hamlett Roach.

Survivors include a son, James W. Roach, Jr. of Forrestville, Md.; three daughters, Mrs. Jane R. Jones of District Heights, Mrs. Doris R. Wood of Catlett, and Mrs. Edna R. Kirby of Arlington; four sisters, Mrs. Luther Nash of Pamplin, Mrs. Thurman Wayne of Pamplin, and Mrs. Ed Richie of Pamplin, and Mrs. Dickie Parks of Forrestville, Md.; four brothers, Frank Roach of New Market, Walter Roach of Lanham, Md., Hugh Roach and Martin Roach of Richmond; 13 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday from Robinson Funeral Home, with burial in Oakview Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Calvin J. McCoy

Calvin J. McCoy, 25, died Wednesday in Harrisburg, Pa.

Born Aug. 28, 1949, in Appomattox County, he was a son of Steven W. McCoy and Elizabeth McCoy. He was a graduate of Carver-Price High School and had served in the U.S. Navy. He was an employe of the Reading Railway.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Betty Jones McCoy; three sons, Calvin J. McCoy, Steven A. McCoy and Shown Van McCoy of Harrisburg; a daughter, Linda McCoy of Harrisburg; six brothers, Seibert McCoy, Richard McCoy, Bernis McCoy and Tony McCoy of Appomattox, and Willis E. McCoy and Michael McCoy of Harrisburg, and a sister, Uwan McCoy of Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday from Mount Airy Baptist Church in Appomattox County, with burial in the family cemetery. West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Joseph N. Ragland

Demarius Susan Ragland, 87, of Wingina, died Saturday in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Born in Buckingham County on April 27, 1887, she was the widow of Joseph N. Ragland.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Nettie Adcock of Lynchburg, Mrs. Louise Mullans of Richmond, Mrs. Estelle Pace of Schuyler and Mrs. Elizabeth Clements of Scottsville; three sons, R. C. Ragland of Richmond, J. R. Ragland of Gladstone and W. L. Ragland of Waynesboro; a sister, Mrs. Nannie Beasley of Wingina; a brother, Walter Gunter of Madison Heights; 18 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Woodland United Methodist Church of Manteo.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Woodland United Methodist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Thacker Brothers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Carroll D. Blackburn

Carroll Dabney Blackburn, 63, of 503 Church St., died Thursday at his residence after a short illness.

Born in Campbell County, he was the son of the late Audley C. Blackburn and Callie Stewart Blackburn. He was a retired employe of Hughes Dry Cleaning Corp. and a member of Euclid Christian Church.

He is survived by one nephew, Kenneth C. Blackburn of Spout Spring.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Virginia Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Beckham

JULY 28 - Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Alvin Reynolds, Miss Tammy Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter and Karen.

Michelle Tweedy and Crystal Carter are spending a few days with Mrs. Judy Jamerson.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., Mrs. Robert Paukey, Kim Maxwell, Joey and Tonya Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Martin, A. C., Michael and Edward, Brian Peters, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Debbie and Gwen.

Brian Peters is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Martin and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Guill visited Mr. H. O. Martin Sunday afternoon.

Miss Eunice Martin spent several days last week at Virginia Beach.

Mr. Ronnie Morris, Melamie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mrs. Hermon Moore Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nancy Moore and friend, of Richmond, visited Mrs. H. C. Moore Sunday.

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Chesnut Grove

A large crowd attended Homecoming Sunday at The Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. Roy A. Walker, pastor of The Calvary Baptist Church in Richmond, brought the morning message but was unable to remain for services during the week as previously announced due to illness. The Rev. J. W. Beatty, pastor of The Jones Chapel Baptist Church near Dillwyn, will be brining the messages each evening at 8 p.m. through Friday evening.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. C. Henson Morris is again a patient at The Retreat For The Sick Hospital in Richmond, where she plans to undergo surgery this week. We hope she will be much improved after her stay.

Mrs. John Meek and children, of Virginia Beach, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan went on a bus tour to Wilson, N.C. Thursday with the Piedmont Pork Producers and Porkettes.

Karen Harris, from Fairfax and Bonita Harris, from Lynchburg, were home for the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris.

Wayne Cook and Jennifer Boykin, both of Richmond, spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

The Rev. J. W. Beatty and The Rev. and Mrs. Dott Bryan and Kyle were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris Monday.

Mrs. Thomas N. Saul is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Calhown Moore, Jr. at their cabin at Deltaville.

Mr. and Mrs. Flood Harris, of Green Bay, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Russel L. Harris. Russell Chernault was a Thursday visitor. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley, of Roanoke, were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Branch at Buckingham.

The Rev. Roy A. Walker, of Richmond, and daughter, Kathy, of Sprouses Corner, were Sunday visitors of The Rev. and Mrs. Dott Bryan.

VOLUNTEERS WORKING AT HISTORICAL PARK

A number of local citizens have volunteered their time and efforts four hours each week to help visitors to the Historical Park enjoy their stay. Volunteers-in-Parks (V.I.P.) are working in the interpretation of the McLean House, preservation and cataloging of museum collections and in horse care programs. Though primarily utilized during the busier summer months, volunteers are also needed in the fall and spring. Area residents interested in the VIP program are asked to contact the park.

Pictured above are VIP Mary Paris and seasonal park interpreter Josie Megginson - herself a former VIP.

Daniel Hailed By Conservative Group

The American Conservative Union (ACU) has commended the voting record of 5th District Congressman Dan Daniel. Specifically, the ACU cited the Congressman's votes to "stem inflation by cutting excessive government spending, reduce the Federal bureaucracy, and strengthen national defense."

Rep. Daniel received a 100 percent conservative rating on ACU's Interim Key Issues Index for the 94th Congress. The rating was based on 15 key votes in the House during the first six months of 1975. ACU further praised the Congressman as a leader in the efforts to organize House conservatives for greater effectiveness.

"At a time when concern for the fate and fundamental direction of the American political process is so great, the voting public deserves to know where their elected representatives stand, unequivocally and without hesitation," declared ACU Chairman M. Stanton Evans. "Representative Daniel has forthrightly upheld the American traditions of limited government, fiscal integrity, and strong national defense. His voting record shows that he knows irresponsible Federal Spending is the real cause of inflation -- and ultimately of recession as well."

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applicants seeking state or federal funds, the CVPDC endorsed favorable comments concerning a grant application for $54,000 in federal funds and $3,000 in state funds for a Regional Criminal Justice Training Center.

The Center will be located at Central Virginia Community College and will offer mandatory training and specialized courses to criminal justice personnel of the Central Virginia, Southside and Piedmont Planning Districts.

A total of 430 full-time law enforcement officers will participate in the training center. The educational services of the Center will be multi-regional in scope and dedicated to uniform, professional, high-level training.

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information leaflets were put into action. Bicentennial activities are being planned for the current school year.

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...e Family: [Back Row] Sen. & Mrs. Ferguson with son, Joseph D. [Front Row] Russell Samuel, Jr. and Rachel.

...omattox County . . . Yesterday And Today

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...ns were quite ...and lived in ...ay "Courtland" ...Mrs. Ferguson ...during the night ...flashlight would ...the house and ...to make sure she ...oke.

...acher, the late ...T. Moses, was ...rtland" and one morning around 2 o'clock she tapped lightly on Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson's door and said timidly, "I hate to awaken you but I believe the house is on fire." Mrs. Ferguson, far from timid, gave a loud "war whoop" and rang a bell which she kept by her bed. They really did not know how many people were in the house but their first thought was to get Virginia safely down on the elevator. Upon reaching the floor on which the alarmist's room. On a chair by the stove, a five-gallon bucket of milk had been placed to turn to clabber and be ready for churning the following morning. The chair caught on fire and collapsed which caused the milk bucket to turn over. The fire was estinguished by the milk!

After all were safe and the fire scare subsided, the occupants of the house met in the front hall for a real "confab", including coffee and cake, at 3:30 a.m. Mrs. Ferguson remarked how amusing it was to see how some had dressed so hurriedly to escape the "burning house."

"Court Days" were the favorite times for Mrs. Ferguson's friends to come and visit. They would arrive early and stay late, sitting in rocking chairs on the comfortable porch where they would have a grandstand seat to watch the crowds come and go. There was always a lot of horse trading as well as other items sold by Court Day merchants. In the hot months some groups would sell freezers of homemade ice cream.

One of Mrs. Rachel Lawson's most memorable days and nights was November 11, 1918 and the ending of the World War when she was 13 years old.

"My father kept a detailed diary for years, most of which I now have and enjoy reading. I referred to his 1918 diary and opened it to November 11th and read:

"The World War ended at 6 a.m. this morning. Great excitement and celebration everywhere. A meeting of ...ing" was held at Memorial Methodist Church this afternoon at 2:30.

"A big celebration at the Court House tonight. Congressman Hal Flood and Harris Hart, Superintendent of schools, spoke. I appealed to the crowd to rally to the demand of purchase of United War Bonds. A big dance at the hotel tonight."

"Courtland" was lighted from roof garden to basement and happy friends from all over the county came and sang patriotic songs. A group gathered on the upper porch and gave cheers for each Appomattox boy who was overseas."

Senator and Mrs. Ferguson had six children. These were: Virginia (Mrs. D. B. Henderson), Russell Mae (Mrs. Ned F. Wagers), Samuel Jr., Joseph D., Harry Gordon, and Rachel (Mrs. John Raymond Lawson . . . None of the children were born at "Courtland" though two Ferguson grandchildren were.

One marriage was solemnized at the big house when Rachel married J. Raymond Lawson on June 24, 1924.

During the 59 years that "Courtland" stood, two deaths occurred in it - Mrs. Samuel F. Ferguson (known to many as "Miss Delia") in 1956, and her son, Samuel, Jr., in 1960.

Senator Ferguson, a straight-lined Democrat, was considered one of the most powerful political men in Richmond when he served as State Senator from 1919 until his death in 1934. He was succeeded by Charles T. Moses who held this office until his passing in 1964.

Memorial exercises were held for Senator Ferguson in the Senate Chamber on January 27, 1936, the first convening of this body since his death.

In memoriam, the late United States Senator Harry Flood Byrd, Sr. said of Senator Ferguson:

"No man in recent public life in Virginia rendered more efficient and unselfish service. Able, warm and patriotic, he gave to Virginia a preeminent service which marks his career as one which will always be remembered with gratitude by those who value sound and progressive government. To his friends, his memory will never die and his loss can never be filled."

Senator Ferguson was born in a two-room log cabin and was proud of it. Some folks once wondered if this was what motivated him to build such a large home. A friend of Mr. Ferguson's asked, "Sam, why did you build such a large house?" After deliberating, Mr. Ferguson replied, "Well, the house plans were lost and we had to ramble aorund until we could finish the job. It will be a monument to my ignorance."

It was well that he did not know before he passed on in 1934 that his dream house was to be torn down. The family exhausted every chance to avoid demolition of this stately yellow colonial home but to no avail. It was offered to the State of Virginia to house a Civil War Museum but this did not materialize. In 1964 the civic clubs of Appomattox County turned down the gift of "Courtland" to house a community center after a special committee considered its maintenance costs. (In 1965 the lowest bid received to put on one coat of paint on the exterior was $8,000.) Thus it was decided by the family to dismantle the mansion rather than see it deteriorate gradually.

Gilbert H. Wilson, Jr., the great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and Edward Johnson, Jr., of Virginia Beach, were awarded the contract to dismantle the home. They worked long and hard hours for approximately five months. Some of the materials were sold with the most popular items being the hundreds of balusters-upright supports for porch railings, staircases or balconies. These were bought by those who desired some souvenir by which they could remember "Courtland". The balusters made up beautifully into fireplace candle holders.

It is interesting to note that when "Courtland" was constructed, its cost was estimated by Mrs. Ferguson's secretary, Mrs. George Runner (now of Sandusky, Ohio), as being $60,000. An architect from Tallahassee, Florida, after touring the house in 1965, estimated its cost of construction (then) at $300,000!

To the younger generation in this section the tearing down of "Courtland" was not extremely significant, but to the old-timers left, many of the good times of a different generation at this home were now left only to the imagination. The lifestyle that was "Courtland's" makes for many fond memories today.

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Area residents interested in viewing a smaller-scale version of "Courtland" can still do so. On the 500-acre estate of "Roquin" in Alberta, Virginia (Brunswick County) exists the home of Mrs. Ruth White of Washington, D.C. Mrs. White bought the home in 1968 from Mrs. Virginia L. Bragg. Mrs. Bragg persuaded her husband, the late Doctor Bragg, to build her a home similar to "Courtland" following a trip to Appomattox. The similarity of "Roquin" to "Courtland" is strikingly eerie.

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LOOKING BACK . . .

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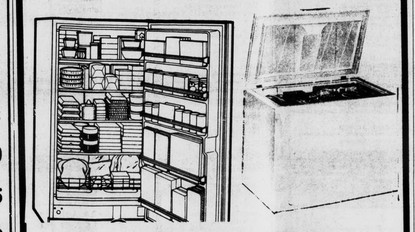
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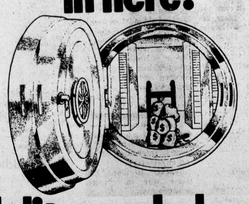
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